

Judge Richard A. Jones

WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
ALLAN B. THOMAS and  
JOANN E. THOMAS,  
Defendants.

No. CR19-210RAJ

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JOANN THOMAS  
TRIAL BRIEF

Defendant JOANNE THOMAS, through her counsel Terrence Kellogg, submits the following trial brief in accordance with LCrR 23.1.

## **LENGTH OF TRIAL;**

The defense expects the trial to consume 6 or 7 days given the number of witnesses of the parties, the number of exhibits relied upon by the government, and the nature and complexity of the issues presented.

## DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE LAW:

The defense is in general agreement with the applicable substantive law as set forth in the trial brief of the government. However, it is not the statement of general legal principles but rather their application which is anticipated to present matters which can only be dealt with during the course of trial.

1       Important or unusual evidentiary matters are not anticipated by the defense at  
2 this time, other than as addressed below.

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4           **WITNESSES ASKED TO REMAIN SUBJECT TO RECALL:**

5       The government, in its trial brief, has asserted the position that exculpatory  
6 statements of a defendant cannot be presented until after a defendant has testified. The  
7 basis for eliciting such statements would be limited to, as the government has  
8 contended, presenting evidence of prior consistent or exculpatory statements of a  
9 defendant only after they have testified. See ER 801(D)(1)(B)(i) and (ii). By necessity,  
10 any government witness with knowledge of prior exculpatory statements should be  
11 subject to recall by the Court when requested by the defense rather than being excused.

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13           **LIMITING INSTRUCTION AS TO COCONSPIRATOR'S STATEMENT:**

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15       ER 801(d)(2)(E) allows a statement of a defendant's co-conspirator made during  
16 and in furtherance of the conspiracy to be admissible against such defendant. The rule  
17 provides "[The] statement must be considered but does not by itself establish... the  
18 existence of the conspiracy or participation in it under (E)." The rule contemplates the  
19 requested instruction be given that the jury cannot consider any such statement unless  
20 and until a conspiracy and the defendant against whom the statement is offered has  
21 been proven to be a participant in the conspiracy charged at the time the statement was  
22 made.

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24       The defense position is that at the time statements of one defendant are offered  
25 the jury be instructed to consider it only as against that defendant that made the

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28       DEFENDANT JOANN THOMAS'  
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